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## HAWAII'S NEW ERA.

The planters acted with their usual sagacity in the matter of small farmers for nobody knows better than they what must happen to sugar interests if, as is now threatened, the political control of the islands shall pass to American citizens of Japanese descent. For fifteen years and more the Japanese laborers have been adding children to the census faster than any other class. There are thousands of growing Japanese boys in the Territory today who, at the proper age, will have the right to vote. It is useless to suppose that these young men, even if they return to Japan, will stay there. This is their home. They are as much attached to it as white boys, and nothing in the hard conditions of Japan, the low wage, the military duty, the to them—foreign environment, could tempt them to cut loose from Hawaii. So these lads must be reckoned with in the electorate a few years hence, and in the legislature.

Naturally they will vote to forward the interests of the people of their own race and this would mean that, where the interests of field hand and plantation clashed, the plantation would get the worst of it. Labor statutes passed by law-makers of Japanese blood, arbitration boards of the same origin, would not give white planters the benefit of any doubt or of any preference; and it is indeed possible that so virile, enterprising and sagacious a race as the Japanese would, sooner or later, force out the white planters altogether.

The only way, therefore, for the planters to make sure of holding their ground, is to encourage the coming here of white people who will stay and identify themselves with the progress of the country. Nobody sticks like a farmer who owns the land he lives on; nobody takes a greater interest than he in the welfare of the body politic; if he is an Englishman or an American, no one does more to propagate the Anglo-Saxon ideas which enter into the warp and woof of the political system of which Hawaii is a part. With such farmers on all the suitable land not required for sugar, and acting in political harmony with the natives, the Territory of Hawaii could be kept in the hands of the men whose ideas of law and whose social and business tendencies are the things that put the American stamp on the Territory.

That there is no economic reason why the farmers should not succeed, is admitted now by the Planters' Association. It is a point upon which the Advertiser, with the help of many experts, has been able to throw a great deal of light. Nobody save those of slight consequence or those of alien sympathy denies that the climate and soil of these islands are good for more than one tropical product; that sugar is not the only latent asset of our agriculture. Tobacco has long been the king of tropical agriculture and now that science has been brought to its cultivation here, it is again proving itself of sovereign attributes. Sisal and pineapples and bananas are commercial successes; vanilla and rubber are going to be. Here are the foundations of new industries and a greater self-supporting white population; and both will come if the progressive people of Hawaii, including the majority of the sugar men, have their way.

It is up to the Government to open some of its large tracts, as yet unoccupied, and for the Legislature to pass measures, as suggested by the Planters' Association, to remit taxation, for a few years, on bona-fide small farms. Another stroke of enterprise would be to turn the Promotion Committee into a bureau for the introduction of settlers. One white farmer who stays, is worth several tourists who don't come.

The very large shipment of bananas from Hilo shows that the coast is an improving market for the Hawaiian product. It is absurd for California to import bananas from the east coast of Central America via New Orleans, but it has done so and is doing so merely because Hawaii has not sought control of the trade. But things are changing in that particular and, under the present impetus of small farming, this Territory will yet have a monopoly of the California market. Some Chinese about Honolulu have enriched themselves sending bananas to the coast, but they could not begin to satisfy the demand. It will be met, however, by the expansion of the industry at the hands of white men.

Showing a painted donkey as a wild "zebrula" is probably no worse than several fake business enterprises of the zoo man. The natural affinity between A. V. Gear and fraud has been shown in a good many places besides his zoo and his newspaper.

## HAWAIIAN TOBACCO AND ITS POSSIBILITIES.

The time may yet come when Hawaii will ask the world to have a smoke, and will give it a better cigar than the finest Havana now in the market. In his report of the work of the General Experiment Station, printed elsewhere in this paper, Director Jared Smith asks for \$3000 per year for two years more to carry on his various experiments in tobacco culture, and expresses the faith that in that time he can demonstrate the absolute commercial success of tobacco culture in these islands. If it can be shown to capitalists, as Mr. Smith says that it can, that a first class quality of tobacco can be grown in Hawaii, the experiment will be well worth all and more than all that it has or will hereafter cost the Territory. The world wants tobacco, and has never had enough of the quality that is grown in a certain small district of Cuba.

Like all experts, Mr. Smith refrains from enthusiasm in his official report, adhering to the driest of dry facts, nevertheless there is the best of reason for saying that the Hamakua tobacco experiment has succeeded beyond the utmost hopes of the men who have been engaged in it. Mr. Abram Louisson, upon whose place the experiments have been conducted, is authority for the statement that the Hamakua tobacco bears a close resemblance to the best quality Havana, the soil upon analysis showing a remarkable similarity to the soil in the choice Cuban district, and the product grown in Hamakua being very like the Cuban. In fact, a large number of Hamakua cigars have been manufactured, and it is said to be impossible for even the connoisseur in weeds to tell these cigars from the most expensive Havanas.

An expert in tobaccos, being shown some the Hamakua cigars and tobacco, said that the samples would be worth \$2.50 per pound in the markets of the world—and all that could be grown would be taken.

The Sumatra tobacco does not do so well on Hawaii as the Cuban variety, but that is a minor matter. Nobody will want to grow Sumatra tobacco when he can raise Cuban and get \$2.50 per pound for it. As a matter of fact, at that price tobacco would be far and away the most profitable crop the farmers here could grow. Perhaps tobacco will be king in Hawaii yet, and it is a crop for small farmers as well as large ones.

## JAPAN AND AN INDEMNITY.

The Japanese war debt is approaching half a billion dollars and about all that can be expected in the way of an indemnity, if Japan wins, is Saghalien Island, that part of ancient Japan which the Russians long ago annexed and possibly Vladivostok and the seal fisheries. Japan is singularly handicapped in the matter of collecting an indemnity by the geography of the war. As yet she has not landed on Russian soil and what she captures in Manchuria in the way of land is not Russia's but China's. She cannot go to Europe and seize ports or take the capital and Russia has no insular colonies other than Saghalien to be taken from her. Victory would still leave Japan burdened by a vast debt; and the most that could be hoped from Saghalien, Vladivostok and the rookeries of the Commander group, would be interest on the present war loans.

Saghalien's fisheries are worth about \$15,000,000 per year; and the rookeries and Vladivostok would bring the gains up to just about the \$25,000,000 required for interest on a five per cent debt of \$500,000,000. This debt is increasing by more than a million dollars a day and may reach a billion before the war is over. Clearly Japan will suffer long and bitterly on account of this war, even if glory crowns her arms.

A Sunday School pupil of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., asked him how he explained the text which runs to this effect: "It is easier for a camel to crawl through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Mr. Rockefeller was quite equal to the test. His sufficient answer was that no rich man has ever tried to enter the Kingdom. We leave our riches behind us when we die and

## SOME REMARKABLE CITRUS GROWTHS.

C. W. Renear, who has been on Maui for some time, came to town on Sunday bringing several specimens of a new variety of citron grown at Nahiku, Maui. The citrons, which weigh in the neighborhood of three to three and a half pounds each, are said to be a cross between a lemon and a citron. They have a fine, rich color and look like young pumpkins. The fruit was grown by Ah Tim, a half white, and the trees are about three and a half years old. These trees were grown, according to Mr. Renear, in a country which is nearly uncultivated, but he states that if practical farmers go there they can make the place bloom like a rose garden.

The natives live yet in grass huts. Every thing is almost in a primitive state, but if citrus fruit of this size can be produced there in such a short time, Mr. Renear believes that a successful farming district can be started.

go to the Gate with neither scrip nor purse.

Twelve years ago today the Hawaiian monarchy committed suicide.

THE FIRST OUTLABLE  
SHIPMENT TO HAWAII

Editor Advertiser: In the selection from Governor Carter's Report on the "Commerce of the Port of Honolulu," in your issue of the 14th inst., there occurs a statement which seems to require correction, and maybe explanation. You quote as follows:

"It may be interesting to know that the first shipment of merchandise into Hawaii paying duty was brought by an American vessel, the Vancouver, from the Columbia River, consigned to a Mr. G. T. Allen, agent for the Hudson Bay Company," etc.

I know not who is responsible for the slip of pen, or type, that transforms this vessel to American ownership, as both Custom House and other records of the time shows the bark Vancouver to have been a vessel of the Hudson Bay Company, an English Trading Corporation, and it is fair to presume their vessels were of English registry.

"Honolulu Events of 1842-44," in the last issue of the Hawaiian Annual, shows under date of Feb. 13, 1842, the arrival of this vessel from London, and sailing March 14, she returns again Jan. 5, 1843, from the Columbia River, with salmon and lumber, on which occasion she has the distinction of being the first vessel to make entry and pay duty at the newly established Custom House, as stated.

Yours in the interest of truth,  
THOS. G. THURM.

MISS KOPKE  
AND ERNEST  
ROSS MARRIED

Miss Bernice Kopke and Mr. Ernest Ross were united in marriage last evening at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Rev. Canon Mackintosh officiating. The wedding ceremony was attended by a large number of the friends of the couple.

The church interior was fragrant and attractive with decorations of green and white, typified by palms and marguerites.

The bride entered the nave leaning upon the arm of her father, Mr. E. Kopke. Following her were the maid of honor, Miss Eda Kopke, and the bridesmaids, Miss Lily Eddy, Miss Greenwell and Miss Elsie Waterhouse, the ushers in attendance being Messrs. Frank Armstrong, Robert Misk, Ernest Kopke, Will Soper and Samuel Elker. The groom, served by Mr. Donald Ross as best man, met the bride and party at the altar, where the minister performed the ceremony which made them husband and wife. The bride was beautiful in a gown of white net over liberty satin, trimmed with real lace.

To the strains of a wedding march the bridal pair left the sacred edifice and repaired to the home of the bride's parents on Kewalo street, where the wedding supper was served. Among those who attended the feast were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kopke and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Isenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Waterhouse, Mr. J. F. Hackfeld, Mr. and Mrs. Faxon Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. George Robertson and the bridal party.

The display of wedding presents at the family residence was elaborate, comprising cut glass, silver and many useful household gifts. The bride and groom leave today on the steamer Manua Loa for Hawaii, where they will spend a honeymoon lasting two or three weeks. On their return they will reside in College Hills in a pretty cottage near the Montague Cookies.

## Special Lunch.

The following menu will be served today at the Palace Grill, Bethel street, from 11 a. m. till 2 p. m. for 25 cents: Chicken broth; fried (pond) mullet breaded; fillet of veal (roast) with green peas; stuffed turkey, fresh cranberry sauce; ribs beef stew, Spanish; baked ham, champagne sauce; fresh salmon salad; sugar corn, mashed potatoes; dessert, custard pudding, tea, coffee, iced tea, lemonade. J. A. Campbell, manager.

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The Government water will be shut off temporarily while taking up old pipe in all of that section of Honolulu lying on both sides of Nuuanu avenue and mauka of School and Lusitana streets, Thurston avenue, Lunaliho street, Wilder avenue, to and including Manoa, today, between 12 m. and 3 p. m.

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